

CLAIMS: DURATION OF JOINT COMMISSION

Convention signed at México April 19, 1871, modifying convention of July 4, 1868

Senate advice and consent to ratification December 11, 1871

Ratified by the President of the United States December 15, 1871

Ratified by Mexico January 17, 1872

Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 8, 1872

Entered into force February 8, 1872

Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 8, 1872

Expired in accordance with its terms

17 Stat. 861; Treaty Series 214

Whereas a convention was concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868,¹ between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, for the settlement of outstanding claims that have originated since the signing of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, on the 2d of February, 1848,² by a mixed commission limited to endure for two years and six months from the day of the first meeting of the commissioners; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the practicability of the business of the said commission being concluded within the period assigned:

The President of the United States of America and the President of the United States of Mexico are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the said commission should be extended, and to this end have named plenipotentiaries to agree upon the best mode of effecting this object, that is to say: The President of the United States of America, Thomas H. Nelson, accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Mexican Republic; and the President of the United States of Mexico, Manuel Azpiroz, Chief Clerk and in charge of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico; who, after having presented their respective powers, and finding them sufficient and in due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree that the term assigned in the convention of the 4th of July, 1868, above referred to, for the duration of the said com-

¹ TS 212, *ante*, p. 826.

² TS 207, *ante*, p. 791.

mission, shall be extended for a time not exceeding one year from the day when the functions of the said commission would terminate according to the convention referred to, or for a shorter time if it should be deemed sufficient by the commissioners, or the umpire, in case of their disagreement.

It is agreed that nothing contained in this article shall in any wise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said convention for the presentation of claims to the mixed commission.

ARTICLE II

The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned plenipotentiaries have signed the same and affixed their respective seals.

Done in the city of Mexico the 19th day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

THOMAS H. NELSON [SEAL]

MANUEL AZPÍROZ [SEAL]